

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A picture coding apparatus is comprised of: (i) a sampling converter 102a that converts a progressive picture signal 101 inputted at a first sampling rate into a progressive picture signal 103 to be sampled at a second sampling rate according to a frame repetition signal in telecine conversion information 106 when such telecine conversion information 106 indicates a telecine picture, while converting the progressive picture signal 101 inputted at the first sampling rate into the progressive picture signal 103 to be sampled at a third sampling rate when the telecine conversion information 106 indicates a non-telecine picture; and (ii) a picture encoder 104 that codes the progressive picture signal 103 for which sampling conversion has been performed and outputs the resulting signal as coded picture data 105.